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SUBJECT: SANKEI PHONE SURVEY ON FUKUDA CABINET

THE DECEMBER 29 ISSUE OF THE DAILY "SANKEI" REPORTED ON ITS PHONE SURVEY OF TOKYO-OSAKA AREA RESIDENTS AGED 15-64, IN WHICH 931 INTERVIEWS WERE COMPLETED. THE SURVEY FOUND SUPPORT FOR THE FUKUDA CABINET AT 42 PERCENT AND NON-SUPPORT AT 27 PERCENT. BECAUSE OF UNUSUALLY NUMEROUS "DON'T KNOW" RESPONSES IN THE OSAKA AREA (45 PERCENT), SUPPORT AMONG THE OSAKA RESIDENTS ONLY CAME TO 30 PERCENT, AGAINST 51 PERCENT IN TOKYO (WHERE THE "DON'T KNOW" RATE WAS ONLY 20 PERCENT). THE MAIN REASON GIVEN FOR SUPPORTING FUKUDA, "BECAUSE THERE IS NO ONE SUITABLE OTHER THAN MR. FUKUDA," REPRESENTED RATHER TEPID ENDORSEMENT, RESPONDENTS SAID THE THINGS ABOUT THE NEW CABINET THAT PARTICULARLY INTERESTED THEM WERE THE INCLUSION OF THREE MINISTERS IN THEIR 40'S, THE CONTINUED EMPHASIS ON FACTIONAL BALANCE AND THE WEIGHT GIVEN TO PERSONS CAPABLE OF IMPLEMENTING ECONOMIC POLICIES. ALMOST ONE OUT OF FIVE SAW THE APPOINTMENT OF SUCH SEIRANKAI STALWARTS AS SHINTARO ISHIHARA AS EVIDENCE OF AN INCREASED TILT TO THE RIGHT.

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